

Joan's Seat, Crovie

The tiny fishing village of Crovie lies on the east of Gamrie Bay, a single row of traditional fishing cottages perched precariously between steep cliffs and the stony beach, or at high tide, the sea.



Crovie dates to the late 18th century, when families were cleared from inland estates. By 1900, some fifty boats operated from Crovie but the village was all but abandoned after the devastating storm of 1953. Today, it is one of the best preserved fishing villages in the country.

Crovie is unique in having no car access. Visitors can walk along the narrow footpath to the east end of the village that leads to a favourite spot - a lovely bench with a glorious view of Gamrie Bay. The bench is a memorial to Joan Duncan Rennie, a Crovie resident who championed the revival of the village as it is today.



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Access: Crovie is 10 miles east of Macduff and can be accessed from the B9031 Macduff-Fraserburgh road. Follow the signs from Gardenstown village. Visitors should use the car park and viewpoint on the cliffs above and take the short walk down to the tiny harbour at the centre of the village. Joan's Bench can be

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The Red Well, Whitehills



In the early morning of the 21st of March and September each year, a few people brave the early morning cold, and gather at the Red Well to watch the sunrise. If clouds do not hide the view, the sun coming up over the cliffs at Troup Head illuminates the inside of the ancient well with a red glow. Legend dates the well to the Roman era. Whatever the truth of this, for centuries the well was a place for local residents to "take the waters" for the sake of their health. Now it is a landmark on the popular walking route between Banff and Whitehills. Looking across Boyndie Bay and Banff Links other attractions are the wildlife with frequent sightings of dolphins, seals and countless seabirds. Due to careful restoration work, there is little evidence, that here too is the land-fall point for electricity generated at the Moray-East Offshore Wind farm. For most people the good footpath, the sandy beaches and the surf provide reason, at any time of the year, to enjoy the area.



Access: There is a good path from Banff Harbour to the Marina at Whitehills. Car parking is also available at Banff Links and near the Red Well.

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